

**Civil Rights Advisory Council**  
April 19, 2007  
Conference Call Meeting Minutes (Draft)

**Members Present:** Christine Kaufmann (Chair), Dorothy Eck, Murray Pierce, Jessie James-Hawley, June Hermanson

**Staff Present:** Linda Carlson, and Kathy Bean Gov's Office of Community Service

**Absent:** Katie Stevens, Marilyn Kramer

**Adopt minutes:** Murray moved to adopt the minutes of the January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting and the March 5<sup>th</sup> conference call. Dorothy seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

**Meeting Focus:**

The intent of the conference call was to establish specific details pertaining to date, building location, time, participating audience, facilitation, etc. in order to sponsor the first Civil Rights Advisory Council public hearing. Linda stated that state travel would be reimbursed for Council members wanting to attend.

Murray read from a letter he had sent containing explicit language as to the focus of gathering information from community-based experiences regarding youth with mental illness detained within the juvenile justice system. Christine asked that an invitation be created to notify a broad audience and that the content of Murray's letter remain within that invitation.

The following is a list of target audiences and the council member(s) and staff responsible for ensuring they receive an invitation to the hearing:

- **(Disability Community, Disability Action Alliance, Disability Programs, Students, Sign language Interpreter for hearing, Possible Facilitator)** – June Hemanson
- **(Governor, Governor's Staff, Dept. of Corrections, DPHHS, Anna Whiting-Sorrell to possibly facilitate hearing)** – Linda Carlson
- **(Public Media, T.V., Radio, Print, MCAT to possibly televise hearing, Justices and Professionals within the Juvenile Justice System)** – Murray Pierce

Christine will sign a letter drafted by Linda to present to the Governor, stating the intent of the hearing. Christine also asked that a press release be approved by the Governor to invite the public.

Council members discussed the timeliness of the hearing and its relevance as to recent tragedies in national headlines. June asked that great care be placed within the language of the invitation and that the hearing platform promote an inclusive environment as apposed to state agency domination. June relayed to Christine that she would assist with alternate formats for the meeting. Dorothy proposed having legislative session results at the hearing. Council members concluded that the audience would bring that discussion to the table. Murray proposed holding another conference call before the hearing to secure the date, time and location. Linda asked Council members to email any concerns before the next conference call.

**Next meeting: Conference Call**  
**Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007**  
**4:30 p.m.**